

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dimitrova (U.S. Patent No. 6,363,380); objected to claims 2-6 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim; allowed claims 7-16.


Accordingly, Applicant hereby cancels claim 1; amends claims 2 and 5 to put them into independent form including all the limitations of cancelled claim 1. Claims 3, 4, and 6 depend from claim 2 and are thus allowable in their present form. Therefore, Applicant requests that the objection to claims 2-6 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, allowance of claims 2-16 is urged, and such action and the issuance of this case are requested.

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